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FOLLOWING TEL RECEIVED DEPT FROM LISBON 18 MAR.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L

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TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJ: MRPP, PDC, AND AOC SUSPENDED FROM ELECTIONS

REF: LISBON 1434 AND 1443

1. RADIO CLUBE PORTUGUES REPORTED THAT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL DURING JUST-CONCLUDED SESSION TOOK DECISION TO "SUSPEND" FROM ELECTIONS THE MAOIST MRPP, THE WORKER-FARMER ALLIANCE (AOC), AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIS (PDC). SUSPENSION REPORTEDLY TO LAST THROUGH ELECTION DAY, AND DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, CONSTITUTE A FORMAL PROHITION OF THESE THREE PARTIES.

2. COMMENT: SUSPENSIONS OF VARIOUS PARTIES HAS BEEN IN CARDS SINCE EVENTS OF MARCH 11 (REFTELS). AOC AND MRPP ARE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDEED, EXTREMIST PARTIES; THEY ARE ALSO STRONGLY ANTI-PCP.

PDC, HOWEVER, IS ANOTHER MATTER. ITS SUSPENSION SERIOUSLY UNDERCUTS THE CENTER-RIGHT: ROUGHLY HALF OF THE CDS/PDC COALITION WAS COMPOSED OF PDC CANDIDATES. FACT THAT SOME OF THEIR VOTE WILL NOW GO TO CDS AND PPD DOES NOT DIMINISH STRONG SIGNAL GOP GIVES TO MODERATE/VOTERS BY THIS ACTION.

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